

REMARKS

The Examiner restricted the claims of the application into 21 Groups. In response, Applicants elect, *with traverse*, Group 4, claims 11, 31, 32, 34, and 36-43, drawn to an antibody against a chemokine polypeptide of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.

Groups 1 and 2 are directed to a chemokine polypeptide corresponding to SEQ ID NO:2 and DNA encoding such a polypeptide. Applicants traverse this restriction requirement on the grounds that the search and examination of at least Groups 1, 2, and 4 does not present an undue burden. The criteria for a proper restriction requirement, according to MPEP § 803, is that the examiner must establish that the inventions are independent or distinct as claimed *and* that there is a serious burden on the examiner to examine the entire application. Since it is believed that the search and examination of the three Groups of claims is not unduly burdensome upon the examiner, restriction is not proper and should be withdrawn.

II. Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account

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No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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